

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/633,858

SOFT STORAGE BIN

1. (Currently Amended) A soft storage bin comprising:

- a body of flexible material, the body having a closed bottom, two first sidewalls, two second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
- each first sidewall forming a full-wall pocket to receive a hard full-wall board embedded therein each of the two first sidewalls;
- at least one second sidewall having a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one set of two hard half-wall boards, the at least one set being embedded therein, and abutting one full-wall pocket along a vertical edge at least one of the second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a folding line; and
- a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, wherein moving the bottom board away from the bottom enables the each bin to be collapsed.

2. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

3. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 2 wherein the bin ~~has~~ each second sidewall has a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two sets of two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one hard half-wall boards embedded therein, and abutting one full-wall pocket along a vertical edge.

4. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 3 wherein each second sidewall has a bottom edge adjacent to the bottom, the folding-seam line being orthogonal at the midpoint of to the bottom edge.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 4 5 wherein the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls.

7. (Original) The bin of claim 6 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom.

8. (Original) The bin of claim 7 wherein the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 1 wherein each sidewall is attached with respect to each adjacent sidewall along the vertical edge therebetween and each sidewall is attached with respect to the bottom along a bottom edge whereby the bin has an integral body of flexible material.

11. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein each bin further comprises a handle on at least one sidewall.

12. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein the bottom board is removable from the interior of the body.

13. (Currently Amended) A soft storage bin comprising:

- a body of flexible material, the body having a closed bottom, two first sidewalls, two second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
- ~~at least~~ one hard full-wall board embedded in at least one of the first sidewalls;
- one set of two hard half-wall boards embedded in each of the second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a folding-seam line in the body; and
- a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, wherein moving the bottom board away from the bottom enables the each bin to be collapsed.

14. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 13 wherein each second sidewall has a bottom edge adjacent to the bottom, the folding-seam line being orthogonal to the ~~bottom edge~~ at the midpoint of the bottom edge.

15. (Currently Amended) The bin of claim 14 wherein each sidewall is attached with respect to each adjacent sidewall along a vertical edge, ~~and each sidewall is attached with respect to the bottom along a bottom edge, and the bottom is a unitary member extending between bottom edges,~~ whereby the bin has an integral body of flexible material.

16. (Original) The bin of claim 15 wherein:

- the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls;
- each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom; and
- the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

17. (Original) The bin of claim 16 wherein a hard full-wall board is embedded in each of the first sidewalls.

18. (Original) The bin of claim 17 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

19. (Currently Amended) A soft storage bin comprising:

- a body of flexible material, said body having a closed bottom, two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls, two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls, and a top opening defining an interior;
- a hard full-wall board embedded in each of the two first sidewalls;
- two sets of hard half-wall boards respectively embedded in the two second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a vertical folding-seam line in the body; and
- a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, whereby removal of the bottom board from the bottom enables the bin to be collapsed by folding the second sidewalls into the interior of the body.

20. (Original) The bin of claim 19 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom and the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

21. (Original) The bin of claim 20 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

22. (New) The bin of claim 19 wherein each first sidewall forms a full-wall pocket to receive one full-wall board and each second sidewall forms two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket to receive one half-wall board.

23. (New) The bin of claim 1 wherein each sidewall has a bottom edge and the bottom is a unitary member extending between bottom edges.